



That encounter suggested things I'd almost forgotten. It reminded me that for Americans, Vietnam was not just a war. It was--in every sense of the word--an experience. An episode that in one way or another affected every single one of us.

For the two GIs tracking Vietcong in the tunnel, Vietnam created a bond that would last forever. And for all Americans, Vietnam transformed the way we saw the world. Permanently.

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Robert Manning
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A Note from Robert Manning, Editor of THE VIETNAM EXPERIENCE



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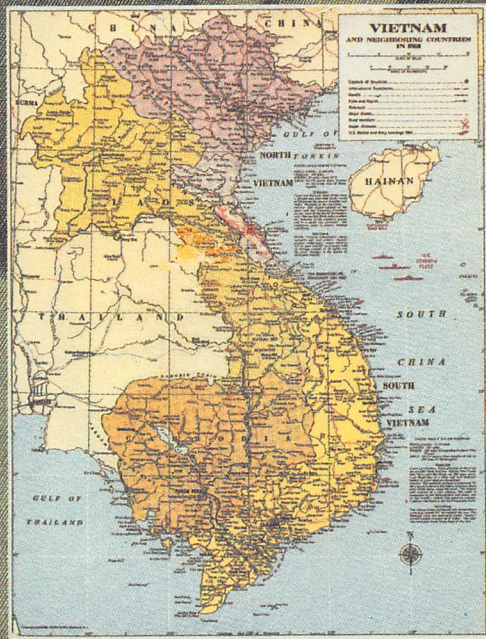
Let me share with you an experience I had in Washington, D.C. while attending the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial.

As I was showing copies of THE VIETNAM EXPERIENCE, a man approached me and pointed to this photograph of a GI tunnel rat and said, "That's me!"

Another vet approached, laughing. "There's something you can't see. The guy whose shoulders you were standing on...That was me!"

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